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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

French Patent Publication No. 2 706 743 (SALOMON S.A.), published on December 30, 1994, is brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for the reasons cited in paragraph [0025] of the specification of the instant application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,477,593 (LEICK), issued on December 26, 1995, is cited as being an English language family member of FR '743.

French Patent Publication No. 2 743 989 (SALOMON S.A.), published on August 1, 1997, is brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for the reasons cited in paragraph [0034] of the specification of the instant application.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,899,006 (DONNADIEU), issued on May 4, 1999, is cited as being an English language family member of FR '989.

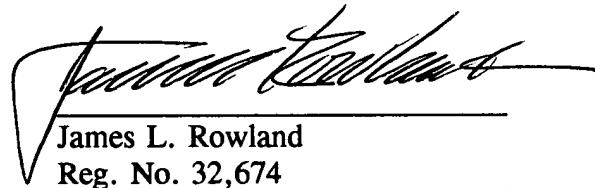
In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any fee required for consideration of this information disclosure statement, including any fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2), can be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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